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AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN GDR

ESTABLISH POTATO PRICES -- Plauen, Freie Presse, 10 Aug 51

The East German Ministry of Finance has issued directive No 187/51, ef-
 fective 4 August 1951, which establishes prices for new potatoes.

The following wholesale prices will be paid, net, sacks not included:

<u>Deliveries</u>	<u>DM per 100 Kg</u>
6 through 12 Aug 51	15.70
13 " 19 " "	13.70
20 " 26 " "	11.90
27 Aug through 2 Sep 51	10.20

The following retail prices will be charged:

<u>Sales</u>	<u>Per Kg</u>
9 through 15 Aug 51	.20
16 " 22 " "	.18
23 " 29 " "	.16
30 Aug through 5 Sep 51	.14

EXTEND AID TO FARMERS -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 10 Jun 51

Under the Law for the Remission of Debts and Extension of Financial
 Credit, debts of 61 million Deutsche marks owed by 10,500 agricultural en-
 terprises have been remitted by the Land Sachsen government. In addition,
 small farmers in Sachsen have been granted credits amounting to 200,000 Deut-
 sche marks for the rebuilding and repair of farm properties which sustained
 war damages.

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Financial support is also being extended to new farmers. Interest-free loans of up to 5,000 Deutsche marks may be granted these resettlers for the improvement of their farms, and interest-free government loans of 300 Deutsche marks have also been made available to 2,000 new farmers (resettlers) for the purchase of high-grade milch cows.

COLLECTIVIZE FARMS -- Coblenz, Rheinischer Merkur, 27 Jan 51

All agricultural enterprises in Gross-Germersleben have been consolidated into kolkhozes. This is the first [complete?] case of farm collectivization in the German Democratic Republic.

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